



## MONTGOMERY COUNTY LEPC QUARTERLY MEETING: 10/19/17 NOTES

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**Meeting Location: Public Safety Training Academy, Gaithersburg MD**

### Participants

Mitch Dinowitz - OEMHS  
Earl Stoddard – OEMHS  
Christy McKendrew – Holy Cross Health  
Ivan Browning – MCFRS Hazmat  
Bruce Donato – K&A  
John Reeves – Bioqual  
Steve Martin - DEP  
Peter Heimlicher – Dickerson  
Chuck Crisostomo – OEMHS  
Ed Daniel – MCPD  
Allison Kronback – OEMHS  
Georgianne Miller – NCI  
Barbara Moore – OEMHS  
Jeff Alderdice – NCI  
Tom O'Brian – NIST  
Jack Hack - GSK  
Rob Gruhot – FDA  
Denise Alston – GSK  
John Gustafson – NRT (Retired)  
Joe Corona – OEMHS  
John Burke – OEMHS  
Mike Cakourus – GSK  
J. Wallace – Medstar Montgomery  
Randy Norman – BioReliance  
Michael Boldosser - OEMHS

### New Action Items:

| Task                             | Responsible Party |
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| Review Bylaws                    | LEPC members      |
| Define Membership Roles for LEPC | LEPC Core Group   |

### Previous Action Items:

| Task          | Responsible Party |
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| Bylaws Voting | OEMHS             |

## Welcome / Introductions

### New Business

#### *Hazmat Permitting Program – Barbara Moore*

Reviewing and handling FOIA requests that were submitted. Caught up on backlog of permits from earlier vacation time. Revising the 3-12 regulation (HazMat Permitting) – having meetings with Fire and Rescue and Permitting Services for it to be easier for citizens to file.

#### *OEMHS Updates – Chuck Crisostomo*

Grant application was made and approved for a Commodity Flow Study for six major Montgomery County road segments. Looking to accomplish the study in two phases (3 roads in the first phase and 3 roads in the second phase).

Revision of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Montgomery County is almost complete. It's currently out for Department head signatures and then will be forwarded to the County Executive's Office. Anticipate end of this year for completion.

November 30<sup>th</sup> with the County Council regarding Alerting, WEA's (wireless emergency alerts, etc.)

#### *Fire Rescue Hazmat Update – Capt. Ivan Browning*

HazMat Team was busy this past quarter. Responded to two white powder incidents, an ammonia leak in a refrigerator and a large gas leak in Bethesda which infiltrated a residential high-rise building.

Team members were deployed during the recent hurricanes to various parts of the United States.

CAMEO training is ongoing.

Plume modeling software is being looked at.

All fire units will be issued a new gas detection meter (removing the older 4-gas meters from service).

#### MCFRS Hazmat Team Report

- Incidents of Significance
  - Two white powder incidents. Both good intent with no hazard.
  - Old ammonia refrigerator leaking in basement. Handled by MCFRS Hazmat and resident
  - Unattended drum outside apartment building found to be degreaser. Handled by MCFRS Hazmat and property management
  - Flammable liquid in residential drain piping through neighborhood with small fire in basement. Metered neighborhood, worked with WSSC and MDE but still unable to find source. Hazard subsided and FD/MDE cleared.

- Natural gas leak in downtown Bethesda street with migration into lower levels of 14 story residential high-rise with commercial occupancies on the bottom. High-rise evacuated until WGL mitigated incident.
- Chemical reaction in small refrigerator at lab. MCFRS Hazmat investigated and determined safe area while securing fridge. Scene handed over to clean-up contractor through responsible party.
- Collision with small battery acid spill in truck. Less than reportable quantity. Responsible party worked with clean-up contractor for further mitigation.
- LP powered trash truck leak at major intersection. Mitigated by MCFRS and responsible party.
- Workers using a lubricant had product enter HVAC unit of office building causing people to show signs of irritant. Handled by MCFRS Hazmat and responsible party.
- Training
  - Still working on funding for CAMEO/MARPLOT training through outside vendor.
  - Opportunity for additional plume model training through NOAA.
  - Finishing up annual task book checkoffs
- Equipment
  - All front line fire apparatus are upgrading to new multi-gas meters. These will be 3-gas meters consisting of LEL, O2 and CO and doing away with H2S to save on costs. Hazmat and Tech Rescue will continue to have meters with H2S.

#### ***LEPC Core Group Update – Randy Norman***

LEPC Revitalization Working Group has been meeting on a regular basis – looking at where we have been, where we are at and where we intend to go in the future.

Revision is complete to the bylaws, etc. Next steps are towards membership and public outreach. Looking to push for volunteers to participate in a program – “Partners in Preparedness”. Looking to promote personal preparedness planning and outreach.

#### ***LEPC Constitution and Bylaws – Director Earl Stoddard***

Draft by-laws sent out. Went line by line to adapt the proposed by-laws to be applicable to current Montgomery County local operations. Defining membership in the group and voting requirements has received many comments. Discussion on the draft By-Laws.

#### ***Police Special Operations Division – Lieutenant Ed Daniel***

Increase of active assailant incidents and how police departments continue to analyze and improve on their tactics for responding to these incidents. MC Police carry more advanced first aid supplies nowadays – overview of a “stop the bleed” kit. Strategies for effective bleeding control can be found within the “The Hartford Consensus III: Implementation of Bleeding Control”, by the American College of Surgeons (ACS). This expands on the Stop the Bleed campaign.

## Moving Forward

### *Next Meeting – Mitch Dinowitz*

The next quarterly meeting will be in January of 2018, tentatively at the Public Safety Headquarters, depending on number of attendees. Tentative agenda items include a presentation from DHS on soft target preparedness, and chemical facility anti-terrorism measures.

The second quarter 2018 meeting is anticipated to be held in April, location TBD. Tentative agenda items are a presentation by Colonial Gas pipeline and possibly Columbia Gas pipeline.

**For topics or to host a meeting please contact Mitch Dinowitz**

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